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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC SALMON

REF: A) COPENHAGEN 859, B) STATE 61310

1. DENMARK HAS SUBMITTED MEMORANDUM TO ICNAF REQUESTING INCREASE IN GREENLAND SALMON QUOTA. MEMORANDUM IS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO AMOUNT. MEMORANDUM APPARENTLY RELIES HEAVILY ON INCREASED 1973 CATCHES EVERYWHERE AND IGNORES SITUATION IN MIRAMICHI, RESTIGOUCHE AND ST. JOHN RIVER SYSTEMS. MEMORANDUM WILL BE CIRCULATED BY ICNAF SECRETARIAT END OF THIS WEEK AND COPY WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT.

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2. DURING DISCUSSION APRIL 2 WITH ACTING SECRETARY RUSH,

DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS TOOK CONSIDERABLY SOFTER LINE ON SALMON THAN IN PAST. BARTELS STRESSED THAT DANES WOULD NOT REQUEST SPECIFIC AMOUNT AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PUSH REQUEST IN "AGGRESSIVE" WAY. OF EQUAL INTEREST WAS BARTELS CAREFULLY PHRASED STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT PRESENCE OF AMERICANS IN GREENLAND SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO UNDERSTAND GREENLANDERS' CONCERNS. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEMPT TO LINK BASES DIRECTLY WITH SALMON QUOTA AS HE HAS IN PAST. IN FACT, HE DID NOT USE WORD "BASE" AT ALL. RUSH NOTED USG'S CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF DANISH REQUEST, BUT STATED THAT USG COULD NOT SUPPORT DANES. (MEMCON POUCHED)

3. US AND CANADIAN SALMON GROUPS ATTEMPTING INITIATE TRIP BY WILFRED CARTER TO MANY ICNAF COUNTRIES IN ATTEMPT SECURE SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING POSITION.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO CHRISTENSEN'S SUGGESTION IN PARA 4 REF A EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT CONCERNED AGENCIES HAD GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO TIE-IN BETWEEN NEAFC AND GREENLAND SALMON QUESTION AND HAD DECIDED IN NEGATIVE. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO CHANGE THIS POSITION BUT AS NOTED IN REF B WE DO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS AND IN PARTICULAR WHETHER DANES MANAGE TO MARSHALL SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO SECURE ADOPTION OF INCREASED QUOTA IN SPITE OF US AND CANADIAN OPPOSITION.

5. FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION UNDER CONSIDERATION. RUSH

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